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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Interview with Senator McCarran
regarding the [] case

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1. I met this morning with Senator Pat McCarran, Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and Committee Counsel J. T. Sourwine, to inform them of the consequences to CIA operations if [] connections with CIA, either as a present or past employee, were to be publicly disclosed. Senator McCarran considered my statement in this connection to be plausible and correct.

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2. Senator McCarran and Mr. Sourwine are of the opinion that they have a sound perjury case against []. They feel that [] suggestions to CIA are "treason." Their feeling is strengthened since questioning [] on 22 June and it is their opinion that their case against [] is even stronger.

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3. In seeking to have the Senator make no use of [] as a witness, McCarran states that we are in effect requesting him and his Committee to suppress a possible perjury case involving a "treasonable action." This he feels places an unfair burden on him. It is his opinion that if the Security of our operations is as important as I have indicated to him it is up to CIA to make representations to State to remove [] from his present position and thus guarantee the Security of our operations, rather than put the burden on the Committee to suppress possible legal action.

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4. Senator McCarran has asked me to convey these views to the Director and states that he will withhold Committee action for a short time pending receipt of some word from us.

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